

I am disgusted about Sinclair Broadcasting's recent decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary shortly before our presidential election.

In recent years there has been political commentary about a "liberal media bias." This blatant attempt to influence an election by a media conglomerate flies in the face of journalistic neutrality. I do not believe that there is a federal rule about this type of indirect endorsement, but I know there are rules about indirect contributions, and equality of time for all sides of the political aisle.

If the media regulators would fine a network for Janet Jackson's independent malfeasance during the last superbowl, the regulators should snatch the license of the Sinclair group or at a minimum force them to air an equivalent amount of "free air time" of an opposing viewpoint.

If this is what happens when media conglomerates grow to such size in media ownership, the rules should be strengthened to provide that a neutral perspective is mandated. I can pay for a newspaper or not if I disagree with its viewpoints. The Government has allowed Sinclair's media to utilize the public airwaves and should stiffen the regulations allowing acts such as this.